

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph number [00103] as follows:

[00103] The acrylic acid monomer is preferably esterified with a poly(alkylene oxide) chain containing about 4-40 alkylene oxide units. Preferred alkylene oxide units include ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, and combinations thereof. Particularly ~~referred~~ preferred esterified acrylic acid monomers include polyethylene glycol monoacrylate (PEGMA) and polyethylene glycol monomethacrylate (PEGMMA).